

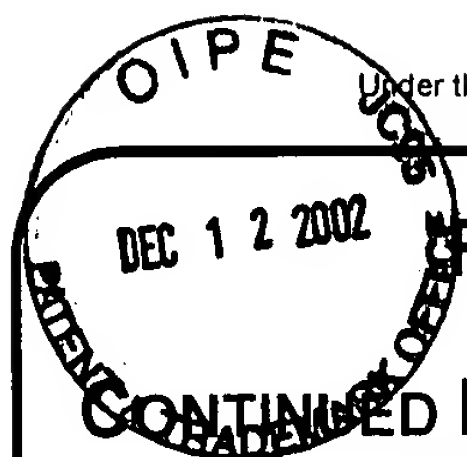
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**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL**Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,  
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application  
filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/371,760
Filing Date	August 10, 1999
First Named Inventor	Tomoyuki FUNAKI
Group Art Unit	2654
Examiner Name	D. Nolan
Attorney Docket No.	393032009400

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This is a Request for continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \*\*\*  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \*
- iii. ☐ Other:
- b. ☒ **Enclosed**
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) (includes PTO Form PTO 1449 with 5 references)
- iv. ☒ Other: Petition for one month extension of time

2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.1039c) for a period of \* months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(l) required)
- b. ☐ Other:

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to  
Deposit Account No. 03-1952. Fee Transmittal form (PTO/SB/17) is attached to this submission in duplicate.
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) 12/17/2002 CV0111 00000028 031952 09371760
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) 01 FC:1801 740.00 CH
- iii. ☐ Other:
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed
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**Complete if Known**

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TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT

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**FEE CALCULATION****1. BASIC FILING FEE**

Large Entity Small Entity

Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1001	740	2001	370	Utility filing fee	
1002	330	2002	160	Design filing fee	
1003	510	2003	255	Plant filing fee	
1004	740	2004	370	Reissue filing fee	
1005	160	2005	80	Provisional filing fee	

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$0)

**2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES**

Total Claims	0	- 20** =	0	x	18	=	\$0
Independent Claims	0	- 3** =	0	x	84	=	\$0
Multiple Dependent						=	\$

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1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20
1201	84	2201	42	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	280	2203	140	Multiple dependent claims, if not paid
1204	84	2204	42	**Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	18	2205	9	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$0)

\*\* or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above.

**FEE CALCULATION (continued)****3. ADDITIONAL FEES**

Large Entity Small Entity

Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description
		205	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month
1252	400	2252	200	Extension for reply within second month
1253	920	2253	460	Extension for reply within third month
1254	1,440	2254	720	Extension for reply within fourth month
1255	1,960	2255	980	Extension for reply within fifth month
1401	320	2401	160	Notice of Appeal
1402	320	2402	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal
1403	280	2403	140	Request for oral hearing
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable
1453	1,280	2453	640	Petition to revive - unintentional
1501	1,280	2501	640	Utility issue fee (or reissue)
1502	440	2502	220	Design issue fee
1503	600	2503	300	Plant issue fee
1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner
1807	50	1807	50	Petitions related to provisional applications
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per properties (times number of properties)
1809	740	2809	370	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))
1810	740	2810	370	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))
1801	740	2801	370	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)
1802	900	1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application

Other fee (specify)

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SUBTOTAL (3)

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